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TAGS: CN, FR, MA

SUBJECT: COMORO ISLANDS INDEPENDENCE

1. PRESIDENT OF MALAGASY SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL DIDIER RATSIRAKA SENT MESSAGE JULY 8 TO AHMED ABDALLAH (AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT OF COMOROES) CONGRATULATING HIM ON COMORIAN DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. PERTINENT TEXT OF RATSIRAKA MESSAGE ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL MALAGASY NEWS AGENCY IS AS FOLLOWS: "IN THE NAME OF THE MALAGASY PEOPLE, SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, GOVERNMENT, AND MYSELF, WE SEND OUR PERSONAL BEST WISHES FOR YOU AND FOR THE PROSPERITY OF THE COMORIAN PEOPLE. WE WARMLY SALUTE THE COURAGEOUS DECISION YOU HAVE TAKEN IN PROCLAIMING THE INDEPENDENCE OF YOUR COUNTRY. HOWEVER, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST IMPERIALISM, THE FORCES OF REACTIONARIES AND UNDERDEVELOPMENT DICTATE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE COMORES REMAIN MORE UNITED AND VIGILANT THAN EVER."

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT:

RATSIRAKA'S STATEMENT STRIKES US AS COMPROMISE BETWEEN  
SILENCE AND FORMAL RECOGNITION. LOCAL PRESS HAVE GIVEN  
FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO DEVELOPMENTS IN COMORES FOR PAST  
THREE DAYS BUT ALL REPORTING HERE HAS BEEN BASED ON AFP  
WIRE SERVICES WITHOUT LOCAL COMMENT.  
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